



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

19th December 2025



Dates for your Diary

January 2026

5th January – Inset Day (School Closed to Pupils)

6th January – School Opens

7th & 8th January – Year 5 Bikeability

14th & 15th January – Year 6 Bikeability

All this information and more can be found under Events on our website

<https://www.wheelockprimary.co.uk/>

Attendance & Morning Drop-Off Reminder

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the following morning routines and attendance expectations:

- **Gates open at 8:30am**
- **Classroom doors open at 8:35am**
- **The register is taken at 8:45am**

Pupils arriving **after 8:45am** will be marked as **late**.

Arrivals **after 9:15am** will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**, as in line with our attendance policy.

All absences **must be reported by 9:30am on the day of absence**. Please contact the school office directly to inform us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain excellent attendance and punctuality.

Please note that the school car park is designated for staff and deliveries only. It should not be used for dropping off children who arrive late. This helps ensure safety and smooth operations during school hours.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

NHS – Neurodiversity Support Pathway

Please find below a link to the Neurodiversity Support Pathway. This is where support is available for families of children and young people who may be neurodivergent.

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/your-place/cheshire-east/neurodiversity-support-pathway>

Link to KS2 Christmas Carol Video

Please find below the link to the video of the KS2 children singing Christmas Carols that was filmed earlier this week. This performance took place after having to cancel Carols by Candlelight due to the adverse weather.

<https://3.basecamp.com/4973340/circles/31129242>

Reading Wish list

This week, I shared with you our Amazon wish list to help restock our depleting library. Already, we have had lots of donations. I was so excited to see lots of books arrive on Wednesday and Thursday - I was quite emotional.

I wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has sent us a new book. Thank you to the parents who have also reached out to offer support in building the book archway! We are truly blessed to have such supportive families who are always willing to go above and beyond for the children.

Here is the link if you would like to buy a book for the library. Please remember not to send any over during the Christmas holidays as school will be closed until Monday 5th January (INSET day).

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/286L84M3A6OA1?ref=wl_lfu_nav_1

Thank you so, so, so much! 📖💖

Mrs Landstrom

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

Another fabulous Christmassy week in Reception.

We have been sharing and discussing our favourite Christmas stories and in Drawing Club we have enjoyed the story of The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson.

In Maths we have been subitising superstars! We have focused on recognising the dot patterns on a dice as quickly as we can and then we have been using dice to play track games, making sure we jump off the 'starting place' before we start counting!

The children have also been busy finishing off their Christmas cards, calendars and photo frames which they will be bringing home with them today.

Lastly, on behalf of the EYFS team, a huge heartfelt thank you for your support this term. We are so grateful for your cards, gifts and words of appreciation - your kind words do not go unnoticed.

Have a fabulous Christmas everybody!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

What a wonderfully festive and busy time it has been in Year 1 as we head towards the end of term! The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit across the curriculum, and their enthusiasm has been a joy to see.

In the classroom, we have been busy with lots of creative activities. The children took great care making beautiful Christmas cards, thinking carefully about colours, designs and kind messages for their families. In DT, they showed fantastic focus and independence while designing and creating their own Christmas pencil pots. It was lovely to see their pride as they completed their finished products and talked about the skills they had used.

In RE, following our Nativity performance, the children reviewed the Christmas story. They reflected on what they had learned, discussed the meaning of Christmas, and shared their favourite parts of the story with confidence and thoughtfulness.

During our No Outsiders lessons, we focused on making friends and how to be kind, inclusive and supportive of one another. The children contributed thoughtful ideas and demonstrated these values so well in their everyday interactions.

A real highlight of the week was our trip to the theatre on Wednesday to watch *The Little Mermaid*. The children absolutely loved watching the show, especially the acrobatic mermaids, which left them amazed and full of excitement back at school.

Thank you for your continued support this term. We wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, restful holiday.

From the Year 1 Team 🎄

Owls and Robins

A magical, Christmassy week in Year 2!

The children started the week with a 'DT Day'. The children: learned about utensils, taste-tested different food combinations, designed-wraps before making their very own one! We were very impressed with the children's excitement to taste test and their quick learning with how to fold a wrap!

On Tuesday, the children had an 'Art Day' where they created their final piece in our mixed-media topic. The children collaged an image inspired by the story 'The Night Gardener' and later added detail using pencils and pens. The children really enjoyed being creative!

On Wednesday, the children attended the Theatre and watched 'The Little Mermaid'. The children's behaviour was exemplary. The children were mesmerised by the acrobatics and lights in particular!

On Thursday, the children created a storyboard re-telling 'The Little Mermaid' and they enjoyed their last PE session of the term too! The afternoon was spent - of course - crafting and singing at 'Crafternoon Tea'. We were so proud of the children's singing and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm whilst crafting with their grown-ups! Thank you so much to everyone who attended! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Finally, a fun-filled Friday! The children enjoyed playing party-games, having some chill Christmas movie time and some time reading, colouring and completing Christmas activities as a reward for their hard work!

An amazing week all around! Enjoy the [well-earned] break Year 2! We can't wait to welcome you back in January :)

Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week year 3 have enjoyed creating information posters during our DT day. They created posters on volcanoes and layers of the Earth that could be positioned in a museum with an electric circuit incorporated to light up an important area of the poster. Year 3 enjoyed experimenting with the electrical equipment to try and light the light bulb. In French, the children have been learning days of the week, months of the year and all about Christmas in France. In No outsiders, we spoke about stereotypes using our vehicle text- The truth about Old People. We have had a fun week enjoying the theatre, making Christmas crafts and cards. The year 3/4 team would like to say a massive [congratulations](#) for superb end of term assessment results. The children have truly worked their sock off and have made fantastic progress. Well done and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have enjoyed a great week to end a great term. In Literacy, we completed our hot writes and neatly published our brilliant Information Reports, showcasing everything we have learned about structure, vocabulary and subject knowledge. In Maths, we focused on multiplying by 1 and 0 before completing our end-of-unit test. The children achieved fantastic scores and should be very proud of their hard work. In Science, we looked closely at the results from our evaporation experiment and discussed the importance of carrying out a fair test to ensure reliable results. In DT, we rounded off our time in the woodlands by enjoying marshmallows around the fire — a lovely way to celebrate our learning and teamwork. To get us into the Christmas spirit even more, we filmed a few Christmas carols for you to enjoy, created festive Christmas cards using our fingertips to design twinkling Christmas lights, and enjoyed a trip to the theatre to watch *The Little Mermaid*. We had the best time and were incredibly proud of everyone for their fantastic behaviour during the trip!

Well done to everyone in Year 4 for a brilliant term. We hope you have an amazing Christmas and Happy New

Kestrels and Red Kites

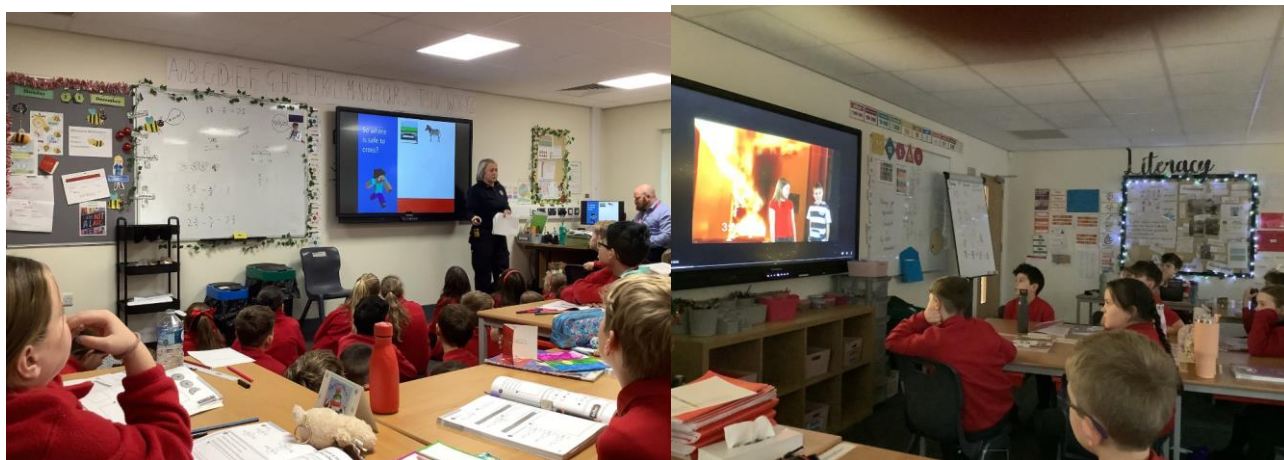
We started this week with two road safety activities. Our first one was led by Cheshire Fire Safety. We learnt about being safe when out and about on the roads - the key message was arrive alive. We should stop, look, listen and think. We discussed the different types of safe crossings. Did you know we have zebra, toucan, pelican and puffin crossings? During our second talk of the day, we looked at home safety. The fire service gave the children some great advice on fire safety and how quickly fire can spread. We discussed how being low to the ground is good when there is lots of smoke in the room.

During maths, we finished our final fraction unit of the year. The children have worked extremely hard to understand how to add and subtract mixed number fractions, this has been challenging but the children worked well to convert to improper fractions and then back to mixed numbers.

In science, we finished our forces unit by completing our end of unit check. We also did a STEM task where we had to get Santa to land safely with a parachute. We tested different materials to see which helped him to land slowly and safely. We have designed Christmas jumpers during French and labelled them too. In D&T, we used the microbits to create a thermometer for an animal. We also used Lego to make a case to hold the microbit too. In D&T, we created animal monitoring devices using the microbits and Lego. The children created a thermometer and a case to put it in. We then used Tinkercad to create a 3D digital version of our case.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful time at the theatre watching the Little Mermaid. It was a great show with lots of singing, dancing and acrobatics. Whilst today, we have made Christmas cards, created baubles and watched festive films.

It has been an excellent half term. We are really proud of the progress the children have made. They have settled into UKS2 really well. We hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and a fantastic New Year. See you all in 2026!



Eagles and Hawks

Year 6 have had an exciting and hands-on week across the curriculum. In DT, the Hawks and Eagles classrooms have been transformed into miniature playgrounds, with pupils designing and building models featuring swings, slides, climbing walls and sandpits. The creativity and imagination on display has been fantastic to see. In science, the children explored renewable and non-renewable energy sources, thinking about how we power our world and the impact of different choices. Meanwhile in maths, they have been developing their understanding of metric and imperial units, including practical conversions such as centimetres to inches.

We've also had lots of fun preparing for Christmas, and we're delighted to share our Christmas carol singing—please do take a moment to watch it on the school website. All of Year 6 have had a wonderful half term, and we would like to wish every child and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

From Mr Owen and Miss Hough

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Reception	Pufflings	The Whole Class for a fantastic first term in school!
Reception	Cygnets	The Whole Class for a fantastic first term in school!
Goldfinches	The Whole Class	For all of Goldfinches for a fantastic Autumn term. Well done everyone.
Woodpeckers	The Whole Class	For all of Woodpeckers for a fantastic Autumn term. Well done everyone.
Owls	Alarna	For being resilient and adventurous during our DT taste-testing!
Owls	Sam	For showing aspiration during Art-Day and demonstrating resilience and creativity with his collage!
Robins	The Whole Class	For fantastic crafting yesterday.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	The Whole Class	To all year 3 for a fantastic autumn term full of hard work, super progress and friendship.
Moorhens	The Whole Class	To all year 3 for a fantastic autumn term full of hard work, super progress and friendship.
Kingfishers	Charlie	For working hard all week and being a great friend and role model.
Kingfishers	Sophia	For your incredible Information Report about a polar bear.
Lapwings	Arthur	For a brilliant hot write in Literacy. He has worked independently to write a fantastic information report about polar bears!
Lapwings	Layla	For always coming into school with a positive, happy, can do attitude and for trying her best. Keep it up Layla!
Kestrels	Mabel	For a really great hot write- one of your best pieces so far! Well done and keep up the fab writing!
Kestrels	Frankie	For a fantastic hot write. You have perfected how to use parenthesis- well done!
Red Kites	Mason	For being a really supportive and kind friend to others. Well done for looking out for other people.
Red Kites	Jacob	For being polite, kind and considerate member of Red Kites. We are grateful to have you to help and support others – always! Well done!
Hawks	Marco	For embodying the Wheelock behaviours of Aspire, Respect and Responsibility during our theatre trip yesterday. Well done!
Hawks	Oliver	For embodying the Wheelock behaviours of Aspire, Respect and Responsibility during our theatre trip yesterday. Well done!
Eagles	Emily	For outstanding creativity designing and making her model playground in Design and Technology.

Eagles	Mia	For outstanding creativity designing and making her model playground in Design and Technology.
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The Hive

Well the Christmas Holidays have arrived, the Hive has been a pleasure to be in over the last few weeks, the children are always so excited to share their family news and adventures.

Thank you for your understanding with the changes over the last two weeks, hopefully the weather will be kinder to us in January.

The Hive Praise is awarded to Sebastian and Eva for always being kind and sharing with others.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. 🎄

FOWS NEWSLETTER

🎄🎄 News from FOWS 🎄🎄

From the whole team at friends of Wheelock school, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you in the new term!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner
Chairperson

fowscontact@gmail.com

Free School Meals

Please find below the link to apply for Free School Meals. If you do qualify for this it covers lots more than just the school meals therefore it may be worth taking a look.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Spring Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 05.01.2026, 19.01.2026, 02.02.2026.	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Roast Chicken Breast served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Panini served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 12.01.2026, 26.01.2026, 09.02.2026.	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Beef Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Cottage Pie served with Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Vegan Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Quorn Cottage Pie served with Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese & Beans	Beans
	Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit

All cakes, biscuits and pizza bases are homemade on the premises

All meat and poultry products are supplied fresh by Anderton's Butchers

Supporting Parents for Emotional Well-Being

Parenting is rewarding, but it can also feel overwhelming at times. Emotional well-being isn't just important for children, it matters for parents too.

Whether it's managing stress, finding balance, or simply having someone to talk to, support networks help parents feel connected and resilient. Let's work together to create a community where every parent feels heard, supported, and empowered.

Cheshire East Council gives families free access to **Togetherness** resources to support wellbeing. This free online learning is available for parents, carers, grandparents and young people. This fantastic resource of parenting support can be accessed in your own time.

Using exclusive access code: WHEATSHEAF

[Cheshire East | Togetherness - Togetherness](#)

Download the free myHappyMind app which has activities for the children, mini masterclasses for parents, happy breathing and music to support your child's well-being at home.

Use Wheelock's access code: 142756

Access support from Visyon who are always happy to listen and you don't need a referral from a GP or school, you can call them directly to discuss your concerns and the support they offer you is completely free of charge. They also offer parent courses and webinars.

[Parent Workshops | visyon](#)

Or why not find support from your local Family Hub who provide support, advice and guidance for all children aged 0-19.

[Family Hubs](#)

After School Clubs



Dodgeball

Tuesday

Yr 3-6

06.01.26 - 10.02.26

3:15 - 4:15

£36 (6 weeks)

Ball Games

Thursday

Rec - Yr 2

08.01.26 - 12.02.26

3:15 - 4:15

£36 (6 weeks)

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Logistica Training proudly offers Fully funded online Level 2 short courses. We have designed courses to support adults upskill and to assist their professional development. Learner will need to be 19 plus and live in a non-devolved Post Code area and not on any other funded course to be Eligible for Funding. You have 3 months to complete the course; Tutors are also available to support. Please check your postcode on this link below:

<https://skillspostcodecheck.com/tool/>

- Certificate in understanding Challenging behaviour
- Level 2 Certificate in Advice and Guidance
- Level 2 Certificate in Mental health Awareness
- Certificate in understanding Mental Health First Aid and Advocacy in the workplace
- Award in awareness of Dementia Care
- Certificate introducing caring for Children and Young People
- Certificate in principles of medication handling and administration for care settings

For more information on how to apply please contact – Julia Chiapparrone
juliac@acaciatraining.co.uk



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